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SUBJ: ILO PROPOSAL FOR MEETING IN TEHRAN TO DISCUSS COORDINATION OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS

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1. ILO REP IN IRAN, PIERRE DROUET, ASKS WHETHER MR. MERSON CAN ATTEND MEETING ON OR ABOUT 15 NOVEMBER IN TEHRAN TO WHICH FOREIGN EXPERTS INVOLVED WITH BILATERAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS WILL BE INVITED TO DISCUSS COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES WITH OUTGOING ILO VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROJECT CHIEF VALLET AND NEW PROJECT CHIEF FAULDS (US). LABOR REPORTING OFFICER INFORMED DROUET THAT MERSON NOT EXPECTED BACK IN IRAN BEFORE DECEMBER, AT EARLIEST, BUT WOULD PASS ON REQUEST.

2. DROUET, WHO REFERRED TO CONVERSATIONS AT SEPTEMBER 9
COCKTAIL WITH USDEL LEADER JOEL SEGALL AND MR. MERSON
FOLLOWING MEETING OF USIRJC MANPOWER AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION
COMMITTEE, APPEARS CONCERNED ABOUT SOME US-IRAN
PROJECTS, AS DESCRIBED BY PRESS AND OTHER INFORMANTS
MAY BE REDUNDANT WITH ILO EFFORTS. IN PARTICULAR,
DROUET WONDERED WHETHER INTENTION WAS TO CREATE
ANOTHER CENTER FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH
RESEARCH.

3. BELIEVE THERE IS NEED TO REASSURE DROUET THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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PROJECTS TO BE REALIZED WILL NOT BE COMPETITIVE WITH

ILO EFFORTS, ALTHOUGH IN REALITY IT SEEMS THAT IRANIANS ARE NOT HAPPY WITH SOME ILO EXPERTS AND DO INDEED WANT TO HAVE OTHER STRINGS IN THEIR BOW. IF MERSON, AS WE EXPECT, NOT ABLE TO ATTEND 15 NOVEMBER COORDINATION MEETING, SUGGEST THAT REGRETS BE ACCOMPANIED BY NOTE OR VERBAL ASSURANCES THAT MANPOWER PROGRAM CONSULTANT, WHEN IAND IF ASSIGNED TO TEHRAN, EXPECTS TO BE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH ILO OFFICIALS AND WILL LOOK FORWARD TO REGULAR CONSULTATION.

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